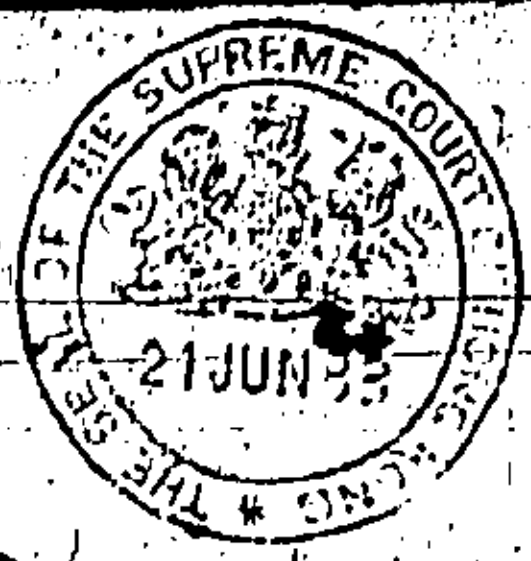


GLASSES, AND SPYGLASSES.
No. 38, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL-1478



The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 435.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

ECONOMY IN GAS.

SUGG'S FLAT FLAME BURNERS
GIVE A
SILENT WHITE FLAME
AND EFFECT AN ECONOMY IN GAS OF
30 per cent.
they can be readily attached to ordinary
Gasaliers and Brackets.

SUGG'S NEWEST BURNERS with Artistic
shades for, DRAWING ROOM and DINING
ROOM.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Agents for Hongkong.

**ARTISTIC PORCELAIN MENU
STANDS.**
**HAND-ETCHED MENU AND NAME
CARDS.**

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

DEVORE'S NONPAREIL KEROSENE, 150
Degrees fire test, a perfectly safe Oil.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1883. [445]

Insurances.

GENERAL NOTICE.

**THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).**

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33.
RESERVE FUND \$70,858.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., Chairman. LEE YAT LAU, Esq.,
LO YOK MOON, Esq., CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at
CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

**NATIONAL MARINE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.**

THE Underigned as AGENTS for the above
are prepared to accept RISKS on MER-
CHANDISE BY STEAMERS AND SAILING VESSELS
from Hongkong, China, and Japan to all parts
of the world.

For further information apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1883. [393]

**YANGTSE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.**

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE Tls. 220,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND Tls. 318,335.56

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 31st
March, 1883 Tls. 968,335.56

DIRECTORS.
F. D. HITCH, Esq., Chairman.
C. LUCAS, Esq., Wm. MEYERINK, Esq.,
A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq., G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs. BARKING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the
UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually dis-
tributed among all Contributors of Business (whether
Shareholders or not) in proportion to the
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1883. [83]

NOTICE.

**THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).**

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED) \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

THE Underigned have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1883.

**RECORD OF AMERICAN and FOREIGN
SHIPPING.**

Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1883. [479]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day Established myself as
a MERCHANT & COMMISSION AGENT
at this Port under the name of PO SHUN
YANG HONG 洋行順保

CHEONG QUAN SANG.
Cheong Yuen Street.

街市營
Canton, 1st June, 1883. [427]

Auctions.

**PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY
IN
JERVOIS STREET.**

TO be Sold Pursuant to a Decree of the
Supreme Court of Hongkong Original
Jurisdiction in a Suit FONG KUNG PO v.
WONG HING PO and KWOK IN KAI, No.
135 of 1882, by Mr. J. M. GUEDES on the
Premises.

TO-MORROW.

the 22nd day of June, 1883, at 3 P.M.,
ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND
Registered in the Land Office as Sub-section
No. 1 of Section A of MARINE LOT No. 19,
measuring on the North 14 feet 9 inches on the
South 14 feet and 5 inches on the East
side 61 feet and 3 inches and on the West
side 61 feet and 3 inches. Held for 999
years from the 10 day of September, 1855.
Apportioned Crown Rent \$11.32.
Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be
had gratis from

Messrs. SHARP, TOLLER, & JOHNSON,
Supreme Court House, Hongkong,
Solicitors.

or from J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer,
(Signed) E. J. ACKROYD,
Registrar.

Dated this 14th day of June, 1883. [474]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF
ENGLISH AND CANTON-MADE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received
instructions from R. COOKE, Esq., to Sell
by Public Auction, at his Residence, No. 1,
Westbourne Villas, Bonham Road, on

TUESDAY,

the 26th instant, at Two O'CLOCK P.M.,
THE WHOLE OF HIS
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Comprising—
ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT DRAWING-
ROOM SUITE, WHATNOT, MARBLE-TOP
TABLES, MIRRORS, LACE CURTAINS,
CARPET.

DINING TABLE, MAHOGANY SIDE-
BOARD, GLASS, CROCKERY and PLATED
WARE—BOOK CASES—FENDERS—and
FIRE IRONS, PICTURES.

BEDSTEADS with SPRING MAT-
TRESSES, LADY'S WARDROBE, CHEVAL
GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTAND and
DRESSING TABLE, INLAID TABLE and
CHAIRS.

Also,
A COTTAGE PIANO, by COLLARD and
COLLARD.

A Collection of Choice FERNS and FLOWER
POTS.

Terms—Cash.
Catalogues will be issued, and the Furniture
on view the day previous to the Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1883. [485]

To be Let.

TO LET.

A GROUND FLOOR
at No. 3, Old Bailey Street.

Apply on THE PREMISES.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [447]

TO BE LET.

(WITH POSSESSION FROM THE 1ST JULY NEXT.)

FIVE COMMODIOUS and well VENTI-
LATED ROOMS suitable for OFFICES
or a FAMILY DWELLING HOUSE at No. 24,
Praya Central, corner of Pottinger Street.

Apply to **E. VINCENT,**
3, Peel Street.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [450]

TO LET.

FOR ONE YEAR from June next, the New
BUNGALOW at the PEAK on R. B. Lot
20, now roofed in and nearly completed,
the property of Mr. J. ENSTON SQUIER.

For all information, apply to
BIRD & PALMER.

Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 19th April, 1883. [307]

TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.
No. 6, QUEEN'S-ROAD CENTRAL,
lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

Apply to **DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.**
Hongkong, 10th April, 1883. [7]

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 ROOMS)
with GARDEN, in Mosque Junction. The
above has Gas and Water laid on, and im-
mediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to
D. NQWROJEE,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1883. [18]

Intimations.

**THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).**

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 25th to
the 30th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. BRADLEY SMITH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1883. [481]

**HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY,
(LIMITED).**

THE TRANSFER BOOK of this Company
will be CLOSED from the 18th instant
until the 2nd proximo, both days inclusive.

HENRY R. H. MARTIN,
Manager.

Hongkong, 14th June, 1883. [458]

Intimations.

"NOVELTY STORE,"

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

JUST RECEIVED.

A SMALL CONSIGNMENT OF MALTESE LACE AND SILVER FILIGREE WORK.

White and Black Silk Trimming Lace.
Cotton Trimming Lace.
Silk Handkerchief Border.
Silk Circular and Square D'oyleys.
and Black Silk Fiches.
Silk Parasol Cover.
Cotton Parasol Cover.
Silk Veil and Scarf.
Silk Collar and Cuffs.
Silk Collar Breast Pendant.
Silk Collar Breast Pointed.
Cotton Collar Breast Pointed.
and Black Silk Necktie.
Silk Mittens.
Silver Filigree Pendant, St. John's Cross & Crown.
Earrings to match the above.
Fancy Pendant.
Plain Chain Necklet.
Fancy Locket.
Fancy Bracelet.
Brooch (Love Knot).
(Marguerite).
(Slipper).
(Circular).
(Fan).
(Lily).
Earrings to match the above.

AN INSPECTION IS RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED.
ANY OF THE ABOVE ORDERED THROUGH THIS STORE WILL BE
CHARGED FOR AT COST PRICE.

S. MEYERS,
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 11th June, 1883.

SAVILE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAVILE & CO.

WE ARE NOW SHOWING EX "GLENFALLOCH."

NEW FOULARD and BROCHIE SILKS.
Brown and Green SILK LAVENTINE for Re-
covering UMBRELLAS.

NEW WHITE DRESS MATERIALS in Great
Variety.

EGYPTIAN and VICTORIA LAWNS.
DRESS SATEENS in every Colour.

White Swiss Checked DRESS MUSLINS.
Boys' GALATEA, HOLLAND, DRILL, and
FLANNEL Washing Suits in every size.

Ladies' FANCY POMPADOOR COSTUMES.
NEEDLEWORKS and INSERTION to Match
all Widths.

Black and Coloured SILK MITTS.
CHEAP VALENCIENNES LACES.
An entirely new Stock of Ladies' UMBRELLAS.
VICTORIA MUSIC BOOKS.
EAU DE COLOGNE.
PEARL'S SOAP.
&c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAVILE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 20th June, 1883.

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED.

MEERSCHAUM CIGAR and CIGARETTE HOLDERS.
NEW CIGARETTES and TOBACCO.

CHEAP ACCOUNT BOOKS in Great Variety.
FASHIONABLE FANCY STATIONERY in BOXES, Very Cheap.
THIN OVERLAND BOOK, LETTER, and NOTE PAPERS and ENVELOPES,
at a Cheaper Rate than can be laid down from London.

LETTER BOOKS, WATER WELLS, RULERS, and COMMERCIAL REQUISITES,
of every DESCRIPTION.

NEW BOOKS.

A Quantity of FRANKLIN SQUARE and SEASIDE LIBRARIES.
WALSH'S MODERN SPORTSMAN'S GUN and RIFLE.
WHO'S WHO?

STATESMAN'S YEAK BOOK.
&c., &c., &c.

LAWN TENNIS SETS.
CRICKET
SULLIVAN'S NEW OPERA "IOLANDE."

SQUEEZER PLAYING CARDS and
MARKERS.
BEZIQUE.

W. BREWER,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1883.

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST ESTABLISHED ON THEIR PREMISES AT THE REAR OF THE STORE,

A LARGE
PRINTING AND BOOK-BINDING OFFICE.

THE PLANT is quite new, the machinery being of the best and most recent construc-
tion, and the type, which has been selected with the greatest care, includes not
only all the Standard Fonts, but an immense variety of styles in FANCY LETTERS
and ORNAMENTATION.

UNDER this head, we are prepared to execute Quickly and Cheaply all kinds of Book
Work, Commercial Reports and Circulars, Bills of Lading, Shipping, Invoice, and
Memorandum Forms, Letter Headings, Annual Statements and Reports, Telegraph
Codes, Price Lists, Forms of Bills of Exchange, Receipts, Delivery and Godown Orders,
&c., &c. We invite the fullest comparison of our Prices with those of other houses; whether
in Hongkong or at Home.

FANCY PRINTING.
We intend to make a specialty of this class of work. Having a most extensive and
varied assortment of Fancy Type, which will be maintained at the highest possible
Standard of excellence, by the addition of the newest designs immediately they are issued
from the leading English and American Foundries, we are in a position to produce first
class work, and feel confident that our efforts in this direction will give satisfaction.

GOLD, SILVER and COLOUR PRINTING.
WILL RECEIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION.

MENUS, BALL PROGRAMMES, INVITATIONS, VISITING CARDS,
WEDDING, AT HOME, and LAWN TENNIS CARDS.

BOOK-BINDING.
Books carefully bound in Morocco, Russia, Calf Cloth, or in any required style.

Special terms quoted for binding the books of Club, Customs, or Private Libraries.
Music bound in limp leather or cloth, and finished in the best style of workmanship.

ACCOUNT BOOK MANUFACTURERS.
Account Books of every description, manufactured from Hand or Machine Made
Papers, ruled and printed to any Pattern, however intricate, and strongly bound.

CHIT BOOKS of all kinds for Ladies, for Gentlemen, for Business, and for Official use.
ALL CHIT BOOKS purchased from our Stock will be lettered free of charge.

The Office is under experienced European management and subject to our constant
personal supervision.

Our prices will be found as reasonable as is consistent with sound workmanship and
good material.

The Machinery at our command will enable us to undertake work of the cheapest
kind, competing in this respect with the Chinese.

We shall at all times be glad to furnish Estimates.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1883. [560]

**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
A FIRST INTERIM BONUS of TWENTY
per cent. upon Contributions for the year
1882 has this day been DECLARED.

WARRANTS may be had on Application at
the Office of the Society on and after the 21st
instant.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. [400]

FOR SALE.

THE OWNER, being about to retire from
Business is open to negotiate for the Sale
of the GOODWILL, FITTINGS, and FURNI-
TURE Complete of the Old Established and
well-known establishment known as the "NAT-
IONAL HOTEL" situated at Nos. 222 and 224,
Queen's Road Central. The House contains TWO
BILLIARD TABLES (one English and one
American) which are in first-class condition.

For further Particulars apply to
JOHN OLSON,
National Hotel.

Hongkong, 14th June, 1883. [467]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

**FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AND
ADELAIDE.**

(Via Foochow, and outside of NEW GUINEA)
granting through Bills of Lading for other
AUSTRALIAN and NEW ZEALAND PORTS.

THE Steamship

"OCEAN,"
Captain Brown, will be despatched for the above
Ports, at DAYLIGHT, on SUNDAY, the 24th
instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1883. [482]

**NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE
DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.**

THE Steamship

"STAMBOUL,"
Maigre, Commander, will sail on or about
the 25th instant, for MARSEILLES,
via SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, and SUEZ; and with leave to call at
PENANG and TUTICORIN. In connection
with these Steamers the Company runs a Line
from MARSEILLES to HAVRE and LONDON,
leaving MARSEILLES after arrival of the
Steamer from CHINA.

The Company also runs Steamers regularly
from MARSEILLES to numerous Ports in the
MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA, by
which through freight may be booked.

The Company has a Forwarding Agency at
Paris, 9, Rue de Rougemont, giving special
facilities to Shippers.

Each Steamer carries a Surgeon and
Stewards.

FARES. 1ST CLASS, 2ND CLASS.
Hongkong to Marseilles \$300 \$240.

RETURN TICKETS are now granted by
the Steamers of this line available for the
undermentioned periods, to be reckoned from the
date of arrival at Marseilles of the Steamer for
which the Ticket is issued to the date of re-
embarkation: there of the Holder of the Ticket—

6 Months.....\$520.....\$410.
12 ".....\$500.....\$400.
Special rates are arranged for families.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1883. [436]

**AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG,
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, and TRIESTE.**

Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA,
PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ODESSA, and the
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.

THE Company's Steamship

"MEDUSA,"
Captain G. Ragusin, will be despatched as
above on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at
NOON.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1883. [460]

UNION LINE.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"OXFORDSHIRE,"
Captain Jones, due on or about the 27th instant,
will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th June, 1883. [492]

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
(Calling at PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND,
COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE,
and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE,
TASMANIA and FIJI).

**THE Eastern and Australian Steamship
Company's Steamer**

"MENMUIR"
will be despatched as above on or about

MAIL SUPPLEMENT.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 435.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

MARRIAGE.
On the 17th instant, at St. John's Cathedral, by the Rev. W. Jennings, MAX, eldest son of Jules Scharrer, of Marlburg, Germany, to ELIZABETH ANN, only daughter of Mr. Ho Amel, Director of the On Tai Insurance Co., &c., Hongkong, late of Melbourne.

DEATH.
On the 19th of April, 1883, at Sydney, N.S.W., ALICE MAY, youngest daughter of Joseph and Eliza White, of Hongkong, aged 3 months.

The Hongkong Telegraph

MAIL SUPPLEMENT.
ISSUED GRATIS TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1883.

CONSIDERABLE excitement was caused throughout the colony last evening, the 19th instant, by the receipt of a Reuter's telegram from London—published in another column—which stated on the authority of a Madrid newspaper that the staff of the British North Borneo Company had been massacred by natives. The alarming nature of the intelligence probably prevented many of those who have relations, friends, or acquaintances at Kudat or Elopura, or in the service of the North Borneo Government at other stations in the new territory, from considering the improbability of the telegraphic report. The telegram came from London, specially despatched by the enterprising Reuter, and without giving the question of probability a single thought, quite a number of people immediately jumped to the conclusion that the good work done in North Borneo by the enterprising British Company—which has transformed a chaotic region, the abode of savages and the home of murder and rapine, into a prosperous and flourishing settlement—had been completely overturned by a brutal massacre, and that Kudat and Elopura had been scattered to the winds, whilst a modern "reign of terror" held British North Borneo in its ruthless grasp.

Calm reflection brought peace to many a troubled mind. There are several Hongkong residents who have near and dear relations and friends in North Borneo, and under all circumstances it is but natural that they should feel concerned by a report of such an alarming character, and which appeared at the first glance to be so thoroughly authenticated. But so far as probabilities go, these first impressions would appear to have no substantial foundation. The primary authority for the startling news would seem to be a Madrid newspaper, and it is a fair inference that the Spanish journal was indebted for its information either directly or indirectly to a correspondent in the Philippines—possibly by a special wire, but more probably to an exaggerated and ridiculous newspaper description of an ordinary row amongst the natives. So far as we can gather the report is a mere canard, absolutely devoid of foundation.

Sir WALTER MENHURST, the Immigration Commissioner for North Borneo, who is at present in Hongkong, left Sandakan only a day ago, at which time not a single symptom of riot or insubordination amongst the natives was either visible or anticipated. Everything was quiet, and affairs generally progressing most satisfactorily in every respect. Since leaving North Borneo, Sir WALTER had heard nothing, until last night, to lead him to suppose that there was anything amiss. It must be admitted that it is quite within the bounds of possibility that the horrible massacre reported might have been consummated within ten days, but then the question arises—how could the intelligence have reached Madrid? One would naturally suggest that as Manila is connected by wire with Europe, it was not improbable the news might have been telegraphed through the capital of the Philippines. But then, if such had been the case, the news must have passed through Hongkong, so that we should have known the worst long before it reached Madrid. Again, presuming that the report reached Madrid by Singapore, it is almost certain that we should have received the sad tidings long ere now. Sir WALTER MENHURST has, we believe, received telegraphic inquiries from London, and he has wired to Manila with the hope of obtaining some reliable news from there.

We are inclined to think, after giving the matter due consideration, that the Reuter's telegram is a mere rumour, totally unworthy of credence. Our theory is that the Madrid newspaper received from Manila an exaggerated report of a riot which occurred in the vicinity of Kudat a few weeks back, in which a few lives were lost, and tried to make out of this a sensational item of Oriental news. The correspondent of a London daily would at once wire to head-quarters, and then Reuter, without giving the affair the slightest consideration, became responsible for the rest.

Since writing the above Sir WALTER MENHURST has received from Mr. WILKINSON, Her Majesty's Consul in Manila, a telegram to the effect that "nothing is known in that city of any serious news from Borneo."

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, was held yesterday, the 19th inst., in the offices of the General Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.). There were present—Messrs. F. Bulkeley Johnson (Chairman), D. McCulloch, Douglas Jones, A. S. Cohen, C. S. Taylor, Rozario, M. B. Polish-walla, W. Parfitt, H. C. Madcan, J. J. Bell, Irving, J. Pestonjee, A. G. Stokes, and W. N. Bain, (nagager).

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been summoned in consequence of a letter received from the Colonial Secretary, which was to the following effect:

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 10th March, 1883.
GENTLY MEN, I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that the Governor in Council has had under consideration the petition of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, for the extension of the lease of the Ice House, and has decided to grant the same for a period of twenty years, commencing from the 1st day of January, 1884, and terminating on the 31st day of December, 1903. The lease is to be granted on the condition that the Company shall, within the period of twelve months, pay to the Government a sum of five hundred dollars, and also a sum of twenty-five dollars and twenty cents per annum, for the use of the Ice House, and for the use of the land on which the Ice House is situated. The Company is also to be bound to maintain the Ice House in good repair, and to keep the same in a state of readiness for the use of the Government at all times.

In reply to that letter the General Agents wrote:

Hongkong, 10th March 1883.
Island No. 46.
SIR, With reference to your letter of 10th March, 1883, in relation to the extension of the lease of the Ice House, we have the honour to inform you that the Company has no objection to the extension of the lease for a period of twenty years, commencing from the 1st day of January, 1884, and terminating on the 31st day of December, 1903. The Company is also willing to pay to the Government a sum of five hundred dollars, and also a sum of twenty-five dollars and twenty cents per annum, for the use of the Ice House, and for the use of the land on which the Ice House is situated. The Company is also to be bound to maintain the Ice House in good repair, and to keep the same in a state of readiness for the use of the Government at all times.

In view of the limited accommodation and the anticipated extension of the lease, the Company has the honour to inform you that it has decided to build a new Ice House, and to keep the same in a state of readiness for the use of the Government at all times. The new Ice House is to be built on a site of about five acres, and is to be capable of storing a quantity of ice equal to that of the present Ice House. The Company is also to be bound to maintain the new Ice House in good repair, and to keep the same in a state of readiness for the use of the Government at all times.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers, Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.
In reply to that letter we received the following:

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 14th April, 1883.

GENTLY MEN, With reference to your letter of the 10th inst., in relation to the extension of the lease of the Ice House, we have the honour to inform you that the Company has no objection to the extension of the lease for a period of twenty years, commencing from the 1st day of January, 1884, and terminating on the 31st day of December, 1903. The Company is also willing to pay to the Government a sum of five hundred dollars, and also a sum of twenty-five dollars and twenty cents per annum, for the use of the Ice House, and for the use of the land on which the Ice House is situated. The Company is also to be bound to maintain the Ice House in good repair, and to keep the same in a state of readiness for the use of the Government at all times.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers, Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.

The Chairman continuing, explained the position of affairs with regard to the ground, and expressed the opinion that as the building now occupied by the Hongkong Ice Company passed in 1885 to the Ice Association of Hongkong, it was quite impossible the Company could pay the Government \$12,500, when in all probability they would be required to pay a further sum for the use of the building. He would propose to the meeting that the General Agents should again address the Government, telling them that the Company were unable to pay the price asked, so that after the Government had either recovered the money from the Ice Association or resumed the ground, they would be in a position to make terms.

After some discussion it was unanimously resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the General Agents.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held this afternoon, the 12th inst., at 3 o'clock, in the Company's Head Office, Queen's Road Central, when there were present Messrs. M. E. Sassoon, (Chairman), D. Gillespie, C. D. Bottomley, H. Crawford, J. Bradlee Smith, W. Legge, W. R. Lodey, J. Y. Vernon, C. P. Chater, H. Z. Jui, A. E. Vacher, H. Widdie, E. Henderson, Wemyss, L. Poseneker, H. Foss, T. Arnold, A. G. Morris, E. George, H. Thurburn, J. R. Anton, E. C. Ray, J. P. McEuen, E. L. Woodin, G. B. Schmaeker, W. S. Young, E. L. O'Malley, F. D. Sassoon, W. Reiners, T. Jackson, G. de Champeaux, and W. H. Ray, secretary.

After the secretary read the notice convening the meeting the Chairman said: Gentlemen, a circular from the Directors and a copy of the various resolutions which you have been called together to-day to consider have been in your possession for three weeks past; they speak for themselves and leave but little for me to add. You are asked to make two important alterations in the constitution of the Company.

The first is to increase the number of shares by subdividing the existing 600 of \$500, paid up into 12,000 of \$25, paid up; and the second is to increase the subscribed capital from \$300,000 to \$2,000,000, and the paid up capital from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000, by the issue of 12,000 new shares of \$83.33 each, of which \$25 will be called up.

The necessity for these changes has for a long time past forced itself upon the Directors, and they were until quite recently powerless to move in the matter of subdivision owing to the then state of the law, which prohibited any public Company from subdividing its shares into less than one fourth part of the original shares. As you are aware this Company took advantage of that law as far back as 1877. The change then made gave the Company for a time the relief it sought, but during the last few years the shares have again attained a high value, and to deter a large class of contributors, both native and foreign, from becoming interested in the Company, and consequently from giving it their support, whilst the number of shares has been totally inadequate and prevented us most

effectually from building up so strong a constituency of contributing shareholders as we should like to possess. In regard to the proposed increase of capital, it has been apparent to your Directors and others that with growing business the company was yet weak in its most important respects, and that the very small proportion the unpaid capital bore to the liabilities which were annually incurred. There is only one remedy for this and that remedy we ask you to give your assent to to-day, viz, the increasing the nominal and paid up capital of the company. It is essential, if we are to advance with the times or even to maintain our present status, that we should be able to offer our policy-holders (on whom we are entirely dependent for our dividends) the most undoubted security. The new shares you are recommended to offer to present shareholders at a small premium of 33 1/3 per cent, which premium will be carried to the Reserve Fund, augmenting it to \$600,000. With a Capital of \$2,000,000, of which \$600,000 is paid up, backed by a Reserve Fund of \$600,000, the Company will be in a position of great strength, whilst the larger number of our shares and their smaller denomination will, we trust, induce many whose contributions though small are yet valuable, to take an interest in and support the Company. Before sitting down I would like to refer to two other changes we are suggesting in the Articles of Association, the only two of importance besides those relating to the increase of Capital and Subdivision of Shares.

The first is the wider scope which the Directors ask for in the investment of funds. We have in the past found ourselves inconveniently hedged in by the existing Articles, and we endeavor to employ the funds of the Company with a larger amount to be invested in the future. It is important that we should have wider scope, and we consequently ask you to sanction this alteration. The second change is the withdrawal of shares from non-contributors. This will not affect any of the present shareholders, at least so far as their present holdings are concerned, as it applies only to shares transferred after 30th inst. Whilst the Directors ask that this power be given them so that the Company may be placed on the same footing as most of its neighbors, still they realize the necessity of exercising it with the greatest discretion, and I am confident you can with safety place this power in our hands.

This, Gentlemen, I think is all that I need refer to, but if any shareholder requires any further information I will be glad to give it to him.

The following resolutions were then unanimously passed, after which a vote of thanks was proposed to the Chairman which brought the meeting to a close.

1.—That each of the existing 600 Shares of the Company of \$1,666.66, on which \$500 is paid up, be subdivided into 20 Shares of \$83.33, out of each of which the sum of \$25 shall be credited as paid up.

2.—That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, by the creation of 12,000 new Shares of \$83.33, upon each of which the sum of \$25 is to be paid up.

3.—That the said new Shares be offered in the first instance in such manner and at such times as the Directors shall direct for the purpose to the holders of the present Shares of \$500 each (or the equivalent thereof in subdivided Shares) in the proportion of 20 new Shares for every present Share of \$500 (or the equivalent thereof in subdivided Shares) of which on the 30th day of June, 1883, the holders of the said subdivided Shares shall respectively be registered as such holders, and that any new Shares not accepted by the holders of the said present Shares (or equivalent subdivided Shares) within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their direction they may think best in the interest of the Company.

4.—That the new Shares be issued at 33 1/3 per cent, premium and that all amounts received for premium upon new Shares be carried to the credit of the Reserve Fund.

5.—That \$166.66 per new Share shall be payable on July 31st, 1883, and \$16.66 on October 31st, 1883, both monies being shared proportionately in any dividend that may be declared for the 12 months ending April 30th, 1884.

6.—That the Memorandum and Articles of Association be modified in accordance with resolution 1 and 2.

7.—That the Company shall keep a book to be called the Register of Transfers and therein shall be fairly and distinctly entered the particulars of every Transfer or Transmission of any Shares, and the book shall be from time to time authenticated by having the seal affixed thereto at an Ordinary Meeting, and the Board may appoint an Agent or Agents at such place or places as they may deem fit to transfer Shares, issue Share Certificates and do all other acts and things necessary for the completion of such Transfer, subject to registration in the Register at the Registered Office.

8.—That the Company may decline to register any Transfer of Shares whilst the Shareholder making the same is either alone or jointly with any other person indebted to the Company on any account whatever, and that the Directors are in the opinion of the Board not in a position to contribute sufficient business to the Company or is not approved of by the Board or for any other reasons whatsoever, but the Company shall not be bound to state any reason or reasons for so doing.

9.—That every person having acquired Shares by original subscription, or to whom Shares shall be transferred, and who shall not then be a Shareholder of the Company, and subject to the provisions of these Presents in respect of any other Shares, and every person who, being the husband or wife of a Shareholder, or the Executor or Administrator of any deceased Shareholder, who shall signify to the Board his desire to become a Shareholder of the Company in respect of the Shares vested in him in such capacity, and shall not at the time of the said Shares becoming vested in him by the means aforesaid, be a Shareholder of the Company and subject as last aforesaid in respect of any other Shares, shall, as to all duties, obligations, claims, and demands, upon or against him in respect of such Shares, be considered a Shareholder of the Company from the time of the same Shares being so transferred to, or so becoming vested in him as aforesaid, but as to all rights, privileges, benefits and advantages to arise from the same Shares, no such person shall be considered as a Shareholder in respect of the same, until he shall have subscribed these Presents if required so to do.

10.—That every person in whom any Shares shall vest by Transfer or otherwise, and who shall be a Shareholder of the Company for all purposes in respect of any other Shares, shall, as to all the rights, privileges, benefits and advantages to arise from the same Shares, be considered as a Shareholder from the date of the Transfer to him, or from the time of leaving proof of his title to such Shares at the Head Office of the Company, or otherwise proving it to the satisfaction of the Company.

11.—The first call on the Shares of the Company is payable on the allotment of Shares to Shareholders.

12.—If at any time or times after the 30th day of June, 1883, the Board shall consider that having regard to the amount of business brought to the Company by the Shareholders respectively, or having regard to any other consideration, it would be for the benefit of the Company generally, that the Share or all or any of the Shares held by any Shareholder and acquired by or transferred to any such Shareholder on any day after the 30th day of June, 1883, should be withdrawn from such Shareholder and re-allotted or otherwise held, then the Board from time to time so often as it shall in its discretion think fit, may cancel all or any of the Shares of the said Shareholder and re-allot the same, or the proportion of the Reserve Fund which attached or belonged to the Share so cancelled and such further sum if any by way of premium as the Board in its discretion may require, and the Register of Shareholders shall be altered accordingly.

13.—A Shareholder whose Share is so cancelled under the last preceding Article shall, upon delivering to the Company the certificate of such cancelled Share, receive from the Company the amount of Capital and paid-up on the cancelled Share, and also his Share of the Reserve Fund, or so much thereof, if any, as may then have been accumulated, after deducting therefrom any losses or expenses, or to make up the amount of any losses or expenses which may have been paid out of the Capital or on any other account. He shall not be entitled to any allowance or payment in respect of good-will or of the market value of the Share or Shares, but on the re-allotment of the Share or Shares the Board may in its discretion pay to him the whole or such proportion as they think fit of any premium then received upon such Share or Shares.

14.—In the event of any Shareholder failing to surrender to the Company the Share Certificate in respect of any cancelled Share held by him, such Shareholder shall nevertheless cease from and after the date of cancellation to have any further right, title or interest in the Company or the property thereof in respect of such Share which shall thereupon revert to and remain in the Company.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held to-day, (18th inst.), at noon, in the offices of the General Agents, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., when there were present:—The Hon. F. B. Johnson, Chairman, Messrs. L. Fleming, Neidhardt, K. McK. Ross, G. C. Cox, D. Gillespie, W. M. Morgan, H. G. James, W. Wotton, C. P. Chater, C. S. Taylor, W. Reiners, T. D. Sassoon, J. Bell Irving, W. Legge, D. C. Tala, A. G. Stokes, J. J. Bell Irving, and H. C. Madcan, secretary.

After the secretary had read the notice convening the meeting the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, with reference to what passed at the last meeting respecting the addition of one or more of the shareholders to the consulting committee, I am happy to be able to inform you that Mr. Gillespie has been nominated by the shareholders, and I am sure we shall profit by his great experience. At the last meeting I proposed that the arrangements we had in contemplation should be matured before being placed before the shareholders. When Mr. MacGregor went over to investigate the business of the Company in Manila we thought it highly desirable to associate Mr. Morrison, C.E., with him, and Mr. Morrison proceeded to Manila and made a report on the water supply and all other matters connected with the Company's premises. The report of Mr. Morrison is satisfactory and the report of Mr. Dickie has been confirmed by Messrs. MacGregor and Morrison. The estimates of Mr. Dickie for charcoal pans &c., are \$50,000, and the owners of the patent have arranged with the consulting committee to make a return of \$70,000 to the shareholders. From Mr. Morrison's inspection it appears desirable to erect better quarters for the employees, a house to cost \$10,000, and also apart from the charcoal house—a drying house. These bring up the sum required to thirty or forty thousand dollars more than the estimate of Mr. Dickie, and the question is, how this amount is to be raised. I propose to undertake the outlay on behalf of my firm, and we will make the advance and ask for no interest until such time as the Company pays seven per cent. interest to the shareholders, after which the bonds will be subject to seven per cent. interest, with which arrangement I hope the shareholders will be satisfied. I wish to avoid saying anything to make the shareholders too sanguine and on the other hand I also wish to say nothing that will make them think of parting with their shares. I may mention that although the works were only on half time during the month of May the accounts show the expenses were covered and also the interest and commission, and if everything goes on at the present rate we shall be able to show a small profit. As you are aware the demand is fickle and we have hitherto been unable to meet that demand as promptly as could be desired. I am sorry that the use of charcoal will not begin until about the end of the present year, but when completed we shall be free from the Chinese "ring" and be able to supply all sorts of sugar for export for home consumption. We have placed the Agency in Manila in the hands of Messrs. Smith, Bell & Co., one of the largest firms in the Philippines, whose position justifies every confidence.

Mr. W. Legge proposed that the proposal of the General Agents in the interests of the Company be approved of by the shareholders, coupled with thanks for the information given of the company's business.

Mr. H. G. James seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

This concluded the business.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the above named concern was held in the Company's office, Queen's Road, yesterday afternoon, (19th inst.), for the purpose of considering a proposal to divide the capital of the Company into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the Memorandum of Association. There were present:—The Hon. P. Ryrie (Chairman), Messrs. H. L. Dalrymple, A. Gillespie, W. H. Forbes, (directors), J. T. Chater, H. G. James, H. Widdie, J. M. Armstrong, A. Johnston, E. George, J. M. Armstrong, A. B. Johnson, and J. B. Coughtrie, (secretary), representing a total of 1,141 shares.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman then said:—Gentlemen, you have heard the notice calling the meeting, read, so that very little need be said in explanation of the cause which has brought us together. Your directors have had under their consideration for some time the advisability of reducing the value of the shares by subdividing them into shares of smaller amount. In doing so they are only following the line of many Insurance Companies at home and of the other local companies. From opinions I have heard expressed by numerous shareholders, both here and in Shanghai, I feel confident that this move on the part of the directors will be favourably received by the shareholders. However, that will be seen at a subsequent meeting as at this meeting we have simply to pass a resolution, in accordance with the law, giving the company power to subdivide its shares. The subdivision of the shares must be the subject of another meeting after the confirmation of the resolution proposed to be passed by this meeting. As regards the subdivision, I think I may say that the idea of the directors is to divide the present shares into five. Of course, everything will depend on the votes of the shareholders at the meeting to be held for that purpose, but I have no hesitation in saying that this division will meet with the approval of the shareholders. I may say that the company is doing very well; its receipts of premium for the present year show an increase over those for the corresponding period of the previous year, and we trust that this increase will continue. I now propose that the following resolution be added to the Articles of Association of the Company, namely:—

1.—The company may by special resolution or by the ordinary resolution of the Association as by the division of its existing shares to divide its capital into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the Memorandum of Association.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. J. T. Chater, and carried unanimously.

This concluded the business.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held to-day, (18th inst.), at noon, in the offices of the General Agents, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., when there were present:—The Hon. F. B. Johnson, Chairman, Messrs. L. Fleming, Neidhardt, K. McK. Ross, G. C. Cox, D. Gillespie, W. M. Morgan, H. G. James, W. Wotton, C. P. Chater, C. S. Taylor, W. Reiners, T. D. Sassoon, J. Bell Irving, W. Legge, D. C. Tala, A. G. Stokes, J. J. Bell Irving, and H. C. Madcan, secretary.

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Mr. W. Legge proposed that the proposal of the General Agents in the interests of the Company be approved of by the shareholders, coupled with thanks for the information given of the company's business.

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